

## Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Foundation

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### Bike4BreastCancer Donates Record Amount to Foundation

**August 4, 2009 – Petoskey, Mich.** – The Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Foundation was recently the recipient of a generous donation. After a successful Pink Ribbon Ride in Petoskey, Bike4BreastCancer gifted the Foundation with \$11,700 to be used toward the Kathleen Jontz Breast Health Fund. The Ride experienced its best year ever with record total donations of \$30,823.95.

The Pink Ribbon Ride came to Petoskey in 2003 when Kathy McDonald, who was undergoing treatment for breast cancer, decided that she and her husband should participate in a fundraiser geared toward raising money for breast cancer awareness so others could receive the necessary care to fight and treat the disease. Kathy discovered the Bike4BreastCancer organization and helped plan the first Ride in the area before she passed away in January of 2003. For 7 years now, proceeds from the Ride have been split between the Foundations of Northern Michigan Regional Hospital and Charlevoix Area Hospital to be used toward breast health purposes.

To date, the Pink Ribbon Ride has raised a total of \$154,743.22 and has donated more than \$60,000 to the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Foundation. “The donations we have received over the years from the Bike4BreastCancer’s Pink Ribbon Ride have been astounding. With this money, we have been able to help so many people who otherwise would not be able to afford lifesaving tests like mammograms. We are very grateful to Bike4BreastCancer for their generous donations and are forever thankful to Kathy McDonald for thinking of others even while undergoing her own suffering,” said Moon Seagren, Executive Director of the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Foundation.



Pictured: Kathy Betz, President of Bike4BreastCancer, Sue Morris, Pink Ribbon Ride Organizer, Therese Green, Director, Community Health Education, Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, and Maureen Babrick, RTM, Northern Michigan Regional Hospital Breast Health Services.